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Trump's Travel Ban Protects Jews

The Boulder attack is part of a long history of antisemitic violence by immigrant Muslims

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It's no coincidence that President Trump's [decision](#) fully to restrict the entry of nationals from 12 countries, including six Muslim-majority ones, and review the screening practices of Egypt, immediately followed the June 1 antisemitic attack in Boulder, Colo.

That day Mohamed Sabry Soliman—a migrant from Egypt who overstayed his visa—taped himself [telling](#) his family "Jihad for God's sake is more beloved to me than you," as translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute. Mr. Solimon packed a Quran and 18 Molotov cocktails into his car, then threw incendiaries at people marching for the hostages in Gaza, injuring 15.



Mohamed Sabry Soliman took off his shirt, pretended to be a gardener, and threatened the pro-Israel marchers with Molotov cocktails.

By my count, this was the 23rd Muslim-on-Jewish attack, planned or realized, in the U.S. since 1977, making Muslim assaults the most constant source of violence against American Jews. This number ignores threats and property-only damage by Muslims, such as a [rash of attacks](#) on Chicago-area synagogues and Jewish-owned businesses in 2022. ...

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Appendix: Targeted Muslim attacks on Jews in the United States:

1. March 1977, Washington, D.C.: Black Muslim converts led by [Hamaas Abdul Khaalis](#) seized the headquarters of B'nai B'rith and other buildings, held hostages for 40 hours, killing two and injuring three.
2. November 1990, New York City: El Sayyid Nosair, an Islamist immigrant from Egypt, assassinated Rabbi Meir Kahane.
3. February 1993, New York City: [Ramzi Ahmed Yusuf](#), an illegal migrant from Pakistan, first scouted Jewish neighborhoods to "blow up" but decided instead to organize the World Trade Center bombing because "The majority of people who work in the World Trade Center are Jews." The attack killed 7 and injured more than a thousand.
4. June 1993, New York City: the "day of terror" plotters considered simultaneously bombing twelve Jewish targets but eventually settled on bombing the United Nations, two tunnels, and other landmarks. One participant described the carnage he expected in Manhattan's Diamond District: "Boom! Broken windows. Jews in the [street](#)."
5. March 1994, New York City: [Rashid Baz](#), a Palestinian immigrant from Lebanon, opened fire on a van carrying Orthodox Jewish boys across the Brooklyn Bridge, killing Ari Halberstam.
6. July 1997, New York City: police disrupted [Ghazi Ibrahim Abu Maizar](#), a Palestinian immigrant, hours before he planned to set off a pipe bomb on a subway car on which "there are a lot of Jews."
7. July 1997, New York City: [Ali Hasan Abu Kamal](#), a Palestinian migrant and English-language teacher, accused the U.S. government of using Israel as



Hamaas Abdul Khaalis, who led the first U.S. Muslim-on-Jewish violence in 1977.

- "an instrument" against Palestinians and shot tourists atop the Empire State building, killing one and injuring six.
8. July 2002, Los Angeles: [Hesham Mohamed Ali Hedayet](#), an immigrant from Egypt, attacked the El Al counter at the Airport, injuring four and killing two.
 9. August 2003, Houston: [Mohammed Ali Alayed](#), a Saudi student, nearly decapitated his former friend, Ariel Selleck.
 10. October 2005, Los Angeles: [Kevin Lamar James](#), a Black convert to Islam, organized a massacre in two synagogues, as well as other targets; a dropped mobile telephone, foiled the plan.
 11. July 2006, Seattle: [Naveed Haq](#), U.S. born to Pakistani parents, assaulted the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, murdering one and injuring five.
 12. May 2009, New York City: [Four Black converts](#) to Islam led by James Cromitie planted what they thought were explosives (but were FBI-supplied duds) near a synagogue and Jewish community center.
 13. September 2011, Waltham, Massachusetts: [Tamerlan Tsarnaev](#), an immigrant from the Caucasus notorious for the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, probably knife murdered three Jewish men, nearly decapitating them.
 14. December 2018, Toledo, Ohio: [Damon M. Joseph](#), a White convert to Islam who held that "Jews are evil" and announced "I absolutely despise Jews," planned to attack a synagogue where he would "ensure the most casualties possible," but was pre-emptively arrested.
 15. May 2021, New York City: A gang of [five Muslim men](#) of immigrant background called a visible Jew "dirty Jew" and yelled "F--- Israel, we're going to kill you," then punched, kicked, pepper-sprayed and beat him, leaving him with a concussion.
 16. May 2021, New York City: [Saadeh Masoud](#) assaulted a Jewish man.
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 18. January 2022, Colleyville, Texas: [Malik Faisal Akram](#), a Briton of Pakistani origins, took four hostages in a synagogue, yelled that "Jews control the world," and was killed.
 19. April 2022, New York City: [Saadeh Masoud](#) assaulted a Jewish man.
 20. November 2023, Thousand Oaks, California: [Loay Alnaji](#), an immigrant from Jordan and a professor of computer science, hit Paul Kessler with a megaphone during feuding street demonstrations, causing Kessler to fall and die from his head injuries.
 21. October 2024, New York City: [Muhammad Shahzeb Khan](#), an illegal migrant from Pakistan, planned a mass shooting attack against Jews a year after the Oct. 7 massacre in Israel, hoping to "rack up easily a lot of Jews" and thereby mount "the largest U.S. attack since 9/11."



Naveed Haq,

22. October 2024, Chicago: [Sidi Mohamed Abdallahi](#), an illegal migrant from Mauritania, yelled "Allahu Akbar" and attacked a visibly Orthodox Jew.
23. June 2025, Boulder, Colorado: [Mohamed Sabry Soliman](#), an Egyptian, yelled antisemitic slogans at peaceful demonstrators and threw incendiary devices at them, injuring fifteen.

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